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Idaho Milk Production up 2.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2002 totaled 659 million pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but 4.2 percent less than October 2002, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for October 2002 totaled 688 million pounds, down .9 percent from the preliminary estimate, but 2.4 percent above October 2001. Average milk production per cow in November 2002 was 1,690 pounds, 40 pounds less than November 2001, and 70 pounds below October 2002. The average number of milk cows during November was 390,000 head, 18,000 head more than November 2001, but down 1,000 from last month.

Nationally, November milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from production in these same States in November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,501 pounds for November 2002, 16 pounds above November 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the major States was 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than November 2001, and 1,000 head more than October 2002.

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